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For: IMMERSION EXPOSURE APPARATUS AND DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD
WITH LIQUID DETECTION APPARATUS

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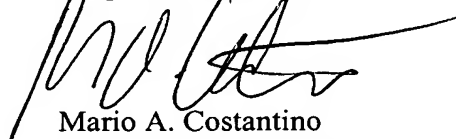
Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed with a Request for Continued Examination. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. Search reports and Office Actions were issued in a counterpart foreign and international applications. Copies of the search reports and Office Actions are attached as References 29-33. The references cited therein have already been made of record in this application.
- ☒ 3. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(ii), copies of any U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached.
- ☒ 4. A complete English language translation of one or more previously-submitted non-English language reference is attached. See References 3, 5 and 7-23.
- ☒ 5. A computer-generated English language translation of one or more Japanese Patent Publication cited herein has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office (<http://www.jpo.go.jp>), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See Reference 25.

- ☒ 6. An Office Action was issued in U.S. Application No. 11/651,551. A copy of the Office Action is submitted for the Examiner's consideration as Reference 28. The references cited therein have already been made of record in this application.
- ☒ 7. References 1, 2 and 3 correspond to References 10, 9 and 4, respectively.
- ☒ 8. Reference 6 corresponds to JP-A-2005-012195 and reference 24 corresponds to JP-A-2005-252239, which were previously submitted.

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